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# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cancer threatens to invade two of every three homes in this state, and

WHEREAS, the 80,000 Americans who were reclaimed from death by cancer last year were only half the number that could and should have been saved, and

WHEREAS, our steadily increasing knowledge and understanding of the treatment of cancer is gradually decreasing the death rate in women; and for various types of cancer among men the death rate is also declining, and

WHEREAS, this steady and unrelenting fight to get the upper hand of mankind's cruellest enemy, continues to demand the very best brains of medicine and science, and

WHEREAS, this fight cannot be pressed successfully without the all-out support of our government and our people, under the leadership of the American Cancer Society, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed April as CANCER CONTROL MONTH,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, urge every one of you to support the American Cancer Society in every way you can, especially by following its earnest advice:

FIGHT CANCER WITH A CHECKUP AND A CHECK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 12th day of April, 1956.

..... J. Foss .....  
Governor

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Secretary of State